does not specifically refer to mining of minerals from sea-bed.

Ground Water Resources

1116. SHRI KALPANATH RAI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimate was made of the ground water resources of the country;

(b) Whether the above potential has so far been exploited for irrigation, drinking water and other purposes; and

(c) if so, what plans have been formulated for further exploitation of the above resources ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The annual replenishable ground water resourses of the country have been assessed as 42 million hectare metres (mham). Of this about 10 mham had been exploited upto the end of VI Plan for irrigation, drinking water and other uses.

(c) The VIIth Plan envisages further aceleration in the survey and exploration activities relating to ground water to create additional irrigation potential of 7.1 m. ha. and for meeting the demand for water for drinking and industrial uses.

Transit Camps for Jhuggi dwellers

1117. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority propose to abandon its programme of transit camps for jhuggi dwellers ; and

(b) if not, the number of such camps built during the last one year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Pending Crop Insurance claims

1118. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of crop insurance claims are pending in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to clear the claims ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The total indemnity claims which were intimated to General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) amounted to Rs. 101 crore. Out of this, claims to the extent of Rs. 20 crore in respect of Gujarat were disallowed. Out of the balance claims of Rs. 81 crore, claims to the extent of Rs. 76 crore have already been settled. The balance Rs. 5 crore are likely to be settled soon.

दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों में स्टूडियो सुविधा

1119. **श्री मीर्जा इशदिबेग :** क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ऐसे कितने राज्य हैं जिनमें दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों में स्टूडियो की सुविधा

उपलब्ध है और सभी दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों में यह सुविधा कब तक उपलब्ध कराये जाने का विचार है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि उन्होंने 1985 में और 1986 में यह भी वायदा किया था कि मार्च 1986 तक अहमदाबाद में स्टूडियो सुविधा प्रदान कर दी जाएगी;

(ग) यदि हां, तो वहां यह सुविधा कब तक उपलब्ध कराये जाने की संभावना है ; और

(घ) अहमदाबाद को माइक्रोवेव सुविधा कब तक मुहैया किए जाने की संभावना है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मन्त्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री वी० एन० गाडगिल) : (क) इस समय दूरदर्शन कार्यक्रमों को तैयार करने की सुविधाएं 13 राज्यों और एक संघ शासित क्षेत्र में स्थित 17 दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों में उपलब्ध हैं। सातवीं योजना में शामिल स्कीमों के मुकम्मल हो जाने पर यह उम्मीद है कि कार्यक्रम निर्माण सुविधाएं 22 राज्यों और 7 संघ शासित क्षेत्रों में फैले हुए 48 दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों में उपलब्ध हो जायेंगी ।

(ख) जी नहीं । राज्य सभा के प्रश्न संख्या 814 का 2 नवम्बर, 1985 को दिए गए उत्तर में यह बताया गया था कि अहमदाबाद के दूरदर्शन स्टूडियो केन्द्र के 1986 के अन्त तक पूरा हो जाने की उम्मीद है ।

(ग) अहमदाबाद के दूरदर्शन स्टूडियो केन्द्र के 1986 के अंत तक चालू हो जाने की उम्मीद है ।

(घ) दूरदर्शन केन्द्र, अहमदाबाद में तैयार किए जाने वाले कार्यक्रमों को गुजरात राज्य के सभी ट्रांसमीटरों द्वारा रिले किए जाने के लिए दूरदर्शन केन्द्र, अहमदाबाद में उपग्रह आधारित सुविधा उपलब्ध करने की स्कीम दूरदर्शन की सातवीं योजना में शामिल है । तथापि, इस प्रकार का रिले उपग्रहों के इन्सेट-2 समूह की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगा जिसके 1990 के शुरू में चालू होने की उम्मीद है । दूरदर्शन केन्द्र, अहमदाबाद को माइक्रोवेव द्वारा जोड़ने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Dues Payble to the Allahabad Corporation by Central Government Offices

1120. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be Pleased to State:

(a) The amount of taxes (House/water tax) outstanding against the various Central Government Offices in Allahabad and payable to the Allahabad Corporation; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to clear the arrears?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) As per the information received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, an amount of Rs. 1,28,419.62p. is outstanding against the Civil Aviation Training Centre, Bamrauli for the period from 1960-61 to 1985-86 towards service charges. There are no other outstanding dues.

(b) The matter has been taken up by the State Government with the concerned Central Government Department and it is hoped that the accounts will be settled soon.

New Bill on land Reforms

1121. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a new Bill for land reforms; and